

Nauvoo Legion

1841-1871

The Nauvoo Legion began in 1841 when John C. Bennett negotiated for a unit of State militia - the original Nauvoo Legion. Joseph Smith was Legion commander and a lieutenant general in the Illinois State Militia. In 1844 new Governor Thomas Ford disarmed the Legion. Three days later Joseph Smith was murdered. Three months later Governor Ford commissioned Brigham Young to take Smith's place and to have the Legion stand ready for action if needed. In 1845 Governor Ford disbanded the Legion. Mormons expelled from Illinois, ^{they} headed towards the Rocky Mountains. After horrible trials, the Mormons finally reached the Salt Lake Valley. 1849 Brigham Young ordered every able bodied man over 14 and under 75 years of age into different companies, under the name of the Nauvoo Legion. In 1903, the Legion was officially changed to the National Guard.



Wasatch County Veterans List
NAUVOO LEGION 1841-1844

3 Feburary 1841 to June 1844

March April May 1849

Fall 1870-1871

Alexander, Henry Samuel
Sessions, Richard
Shirts (Schurtz), Peter
Thomas, Charles Carter